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Mail Stop RCE

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

This Preliminary Amendment is being filed prior to examination of the above-identified application, filed herewith. Please consider the following remarks.

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, December 3, 2004, in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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